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Group No.: 1742 Application No.: 10 /727,247 Examiner: Mai, Ngoclan Thi Filed: December 3, 2003

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### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### STATUS

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#### **EXTENSION OF TERM**

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- NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.
- NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) ". . . an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."
- 3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) XX Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

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(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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For:

Cemented Carbide Body Containing Zirconium And Niobium and Method of Making the Same

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### **RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

#### Remarks

This paper is responsive to the pending Office Action mailed February 7, 2005 in the above-captioned patent application.

To the extent any extension fees or claim fees are necessary, the Amendment Transmittal sets forth these fees and indicates the payment thereof, if necessary.